

Orange Grove Charter School

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 20, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Amana Fehr, Mrs. Hattie Wallen, Mr. John Guerry, Mr. Justin Welch, Mrs. Dianne Probst, Mrs. Haley Webster and Mr. John H. Clendaniel

Absent: Mr. Steve Arato, Mr. Marcus DeBiasi, Mr. Mark Ables, Mrs. Becca Jones

Zoom: Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions

VISITORS:

Mr. Steve Schonveld, Principal, middle campus
Dr. Laney White, Principal, elementary campus
Dr. Heather Holmes, Assistant Principal, elementary campus

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Mrs. Amanda Fehr called the meeting order at 6:01pm.
2. Mr. John Guerry read the Mission Statement.
3. Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. Motion approved.
4. Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mrs. Dianne Probst seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved.
5. No Citizen Participation.
6. Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, LLC presented the September 15, 2022 Budget Report. Mr. John Guerry and Mrs. Dianne Probst seconded the motion to approve the Budget as presented. Motion approved.

7. Chief Executive Officer Report - Mr. John H. Clendaniel

Elementary Update:

- The year started super strong with PTO sponsored ProKids Show. Mr. Scott Humston brought his high energy to over 700 in attendance.
- Over the past couple of weeks, grade level activities have increased with fourth grade field trip to the Old Exchange/Powder Magazine downtown and second grade's impressive pumpkin regions projects.
- The transition to new playground equipment will begin starting November 1st. The estimated timeline is 4-6 weeks, depending on the weather.
- Halloween is fast approaching and the excitement can be felt throughout the elementary campus. Mr. John H. Clendaniel invited the Board to attend and watch the Halloween Parade.

Middle Update:

- Boosterthon has kicked off. Money raised will go toward the purchase of more water bottle filling stations in the hallways, an outdoor fountain, new soccer goals and various other playground equipment.
- Eighth graders who had family members who served in the armed forces were invited to a very special Veteran's Day breakfast on the morning of November 11th followed by presentation by our veterans.
- Eighth graders toured the Center for Advanced Studies and learned about the programs offered.
- Seventh grade had a field trip kayaking at Shem Creek last week.
- Athletics – sixth grade volleyball won the regular season championship and took 2nd in the tournament.
- Basketball tryouts will start tomorrow, and games will start in December.
- Halloween at the middle will start with a parade at 9:30am, with parents and families invited to attend. After the parade, each grade level will have their Halloween dance in the cafeteria. Thank you to those parents and students who worked very hard to organize and plan these dances. Special thanks to Mrs. Courtney Nixon who put in countless of hours behind the scenes.
- On November 9th, representatives with the SC Attorney General's Office are coming to the middle school to do an internet safety presentation for each grade level. Great opportunity for our students to hear from others, besides their parents and teachers, about the dangers of the internet and social media.
- GoGuardian at the middle school will monitor student web searches, as required by the State.
- Eighth grade trip will go to Washington, DC this year instead of Atlanta. The itinerary is full of all the "DC hot spots" and they will also fit in a Nationals game. The trip is scheduled the week before Memorial Day.

Organization Update:

- Excellent ranking for State Report. Elementary seventh in the State and Middle eleventh in the State.
- Thank you to PTO who paid for the lunch provided today for the staff. It takes about \$2,000 to feed this large group. Staff really appreciates it and provides a rare opportunity for staff to sit together and enjoy a meal.
- Boosterthon has kicked off with a combined goal of generating \$75,000 for the PTO. These funds will cover student incentives throughout the year. Classroom parties or special events are covered through a budget and through PTO fundraisers like Boosterthon.
- Middle school media center first and then elementary will receive all new furniture. Middle school classrooms will be getting new furniture. ESSER funds will be used.

8. New Business:

- Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to authorize spending up to \$240,000 for staff as an appreciation from the Board Discretionary Fund. Motion approved.
- Board suggested to have one email addressed to the Board (as PTO does) to ask questions. This will replace all individual emails addresses.

9. Good of the Order:

- Mr. Justin Welch - youngest son was invited to go back to the elementary school to teach health class.
- Mr. Steve Schonveld shared funny stories of student's comments returning to the elementary campus.
- Mr. John H. Clendaniel – congratulated Mr. Steve Schonveld on his letter to the Post and Courier to new candidates of CCSD Board.
- Mrs. Amanda Fehr – son was very excited about the change in the 8th grade end of year trip.

10. Mr. Justin Welch made the motion and Mr. John Guerry seconded motion to adjourn at 6:58pm.